Financial status of textile parks

2871. SHRIMATI T. RATNA BAI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the financial status of textile parks in the country;

(b) the losses for each park during the current Five Year Plan;

(c) the package announced for exporters of textile industry; and

(d) the workers' condition in textile parks SEZs in the Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) The Textile parks sanctioned under the Scheme for Integrated Textile Parks (SITP) are in different stages of implementation. So far, no loss has been reported in any of the Textile Parks approved under SITP.

(c) The Government has announced two stimulus packages on 07.12.2008 and 02.01.2009 to boost exports, arrest the impact of global slowdown and to improve liquidity. These measures inter alia include:-

(i) Additional allocation of Rs. 1400 crore under the Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (TUFS) during 2008-09. Further, in the Union Budget 2009-10, an allocation of Rs.3140 crore has been announced under TUFS.

(ii) All items of handicrafts to be included under 'Vishesh Krishi & Gram Udyog Yojana (VK&GUY)'.

(iii) Across-the-board cut of 4% in the ad-valorem Cenvat rate till 31.3.2009.

(iv) Interest subvention of 2% upto 31.3.2009 subject to a minimum of 7% per annum on pre and post-shipment export credit (since extended to 31.03.10 in the Union Budget 2009-10).

(v) Provision of additional funds for full refund of Terminal Excise Duty/Central Sales Tax.

(vi) Enhanced back-up guarantee to Export Credit Guarantee Corporation (ECGC) to cover for exports to difficult markets/products.

(vii) Refund of Service Tax on foreign agent commissions of upto 10% of FOB value of exports as well as refund of service tax on output service while availing benefits under Duty Drawback Scheme.

(viii) Credit targets of Public Sector Banks revised upward to reflect the needs of the economy.

(ix) State Level Bankers Committee would hold meetings for resolution of Credit issues of Medium, Small & Micro Enterprises (MSMEs).

(x) Guarantee cover under Credit Guarantee Scheme doubled to Rs. 1 crore with cover of 50%.

(xi) Duty Entitlement Pass Book rates restored to pre-November, 2008 levels and extended till 31.12.2009.

(xii) Duty Drawback on knitted fabrics enhanced retrospectively from 1.9.2008.

(d) In the State of Andhra Pradesh, three (03) Textile SEZ parks, promoted by Brandix India Apparel City Private Limited, MAS Fabric India Park Ltd. and Neogen Properties Ltd. have been approved under the Scheme for Integrated Textile Parks (SITP).

In the textile park of Brandix India Apparel City Private Limited, approximately 3500 persons, mostly women are employed. The park management has initiated extensive training and capacity building measures with the objective of training the local women.

Projects of MAS Fabric Park (India) Private Limited and Neogen Properties Private Limited are under execution and yet to commence commercial operation.

Decline in production of textile fabrics

2872. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to Slate:

(a) whether it is a fact that the production of textile fabrics declined during 2008-09;

(b) if so, the comparative details during each of the last three years; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) The production of fabrics in mill and decentralized hosiery sector showed an increase whereas the production in handloom and decentralized powerloom sector has declined. The details of production of fabrics in different sectors for the last three is given in the statement-I (*See* below).

(c) The important measures taken by the Government in the recent past to help the textile sector is given in the Statement-II.

Statement-I

Production of fabrics in different sector

(Mn.Sq. Mtrs.)

		Mill Sector	
	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09(P)
Cotton	1305	1249	1259
Blended	330	422	426
100% Non Cotton	111	110	111
Total	1746	1781	1796
		Handloom Sector	
Cotton	5717	6076	5840
Blended	99	123	118
100% Non Cotton	720	748	719
TOTAL	6536	6947	6677